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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Regarding claims 1-13, 17-25, and 27-29, the
Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the
following claim amendments:

1. (Twice Amended) A measuring tape for measuring the
distance between a first point and a second point
comprising

a housing having a blade outlet and a blade hub
centrally located inside said housing,

a flexible elongated blade having one fixed end
connected to said blade hub and coiled into a roll
around the blade hub, and having a free end extending
from said housing through said blade outlet, and

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